



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held June 21, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following statement:

“The United States Veterans Administration (V.A.) no longer appears to be committed to preserving its West Los Angeles properties for direct veterans services, its historic buildings and its open spaces as promised by former V.A. Secretary Anthony Principi. The current C.A.R.E.S. advisory committee is dominated by real estate and facilities experts, while only one community representative and one area elected official have been invited to participate. It is becoming increasingly apparent that the V.A. is once again considering privatizing its West Los Angeles lands through sale or leases for purposes unrelated to the direct provision of veterans’ services as previously promised.

“Once Federal lands are privatized, they come under the jurisdiction of local zoning laws and regulations. The West Los Angeles Veterans Administration is in unincorporated Los Angeles County whose zoning is very restrictive and would not permit the level of development that has been contemplated by the V.A. In this regard, the County needs to protect the integrity of its zoning if the V.A. seeks to circumvent those regulations by leasing rather than selling its lands.”

Richard L. Robinson addressed the Board.

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After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Instructed the County Counsel to analyze the County's legal options to ensure that its zoning ordinances at the West Los Angeles Veterans Administration are protected and respected; and
2. Authorized County Counsel to take whatever legal action is necessary to oppose any development inconsistent with the County's zoning on West Los Angeles Veterans Administration properties.

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